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**BACKGROUND - RWANDA**

U/SYG Gharekhan will provide another briefing on the situation in Kigali, the humanitarian relief operation and the status of the UN's efforts to deploy UNAMIR. Ladsous may supplement that report with news from the French-protected areas.

Contrary to press reports, we are still not committed to a specific set of numbers or a specific operation in Kigali. The DOD assessment team has just arrived and we will expect preliminary reports tomorrow or perhaps as early as this evening.

In addition, EUCOM LTG Schroeder and AMB Rawson have met with most of the key Rwandan and UN players including MGEN Dellaire. All are enthusiastic about the proposed plan. SECDEF Perry has also agreed to meet with UNHCR Ogata in order to discuss the relief efforts and dispell concern that the relief effort is no longer under UN civilian control.

Our primary objective remains the return of Rwanda's refugees to their homes. On Monday, we outlined our strategy for Council members--meeting the immediate humanitarian needs of the refugees in Zaire; identifying and deploying specialized forces from western countries for UNAMIR; and providing the necessary equipment for African forces already identified.

**TALKING POINTS - RWANDA**

- o As of this morning, the two survey teams have arrived in Kigali. They are now in the process of assessing the needs and capacities of this area. And, as I said yesterday, they are fully coordinating their efforts with UN officials..
- o We should have some preliminary reports within 24 hours.

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- o Our objective remains the creation of a magnet in Kigali which would help create an environment condicive to the return of refugees.
- o Of course, there is still an enormous amount of work to be done, both on the humanitarian side, and to make UNAMIR a fully functioning force.
- o We therefore continue to urge all members of the Security Council who can, to provide humanitarian assistance to the Rwandan refugees or help to make UNAMIR a fully functioning force--especially those countries with specialized support capabilities.

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